



This Home Group Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however, we encourage you to check out one of our warm and friendly Small Groups.

LESSON AIM: to help you become a fully devoted follower of Christ by committing to find God's direction and power in your life through prayer.

Connect15 min.



PRAYER: Begin your time with prayer. We encourage you to quiet yourself, acknowledge God's position, and ask God to open your mind and heart to the lesson aim for today.

ICEBREAKER: What job have you tackled by yourself that you should have asked someone to join you in doing?

How has your companion helped you? How do you help each other?
Genesis 2:18

Strengthen35-40 min.



KEY PASSAGE: "I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. This is the case of a man who is all alone...Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one falls, the other can reach out *and help*. *But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.*"

Ecclesiastes 4:7-10 (NLT)

- 1. Read the key passage together. What are the benefits of two being together in Ecclesiastes 2:11-12? Why are three even better?
- 2. Have you ever traveled in a caravan? Review and discuss the gains from traveling in a caravan from Pastor David's Sunday sermon.

- 3. Read Romans 1:11-12. Think of some groups that you have been in. Have you ever been part of a group that encourages one another? That discourages one another? What could you do to help a group move from discouraging one another to encouraging one another?
- 4. Think of the small group you are a part of now. What is your responsibility to the other group members? What is their responsibility to you?
- 5. Read Colossians 3:13. Is there someone who has offended you and you have not been forgiving? What could be a first step you could take to bring healing into this relationship?
- 6. Think together about some ways that you can motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24

Bless15 min.



Proverbs 18:24 talks about "friends" that destroy and friends that bless each other. How can you bless a friend this week?

Invite10 min.



Think again about the key passage for the week. How can you help someone this week? How could you invite someone to help you? What steps could you take to set this up?

Celebrate15 min.



Turn your prayers into praise because God loves us enough to make a way for us to be in relationship with Him. Thank him that he empowers us to live at peace with ourselves and in harmony with one another.

Pray for the praises and needs of the group members.

- _____ Friendships

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."
Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."
James 5:16a (NLT)

Jesus – *"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back."*
Matthew 18:15 (NLT)

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." **Colossians 3:13 (NLT)**

- _____ for Spiritual Growth

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."
Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

How do I connect to the Caravan?

- Be _____

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."
2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

- Be _____

"There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother."
Proverbs 18:24 (NLT)

Clear View: Choosing to Caravan

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"And the LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him.'"
Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

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Our Values

We desire to demonstrate committed, authentic and passionate lives in Christ individually and corporately. Therefore we value...

Value #6 _____

"You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." **Psalms 16:11 (ESV)**

When I Caravan with Christ Followers I Gain...

- _____

"For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours."
Romans 1:11-12 (NLT)

"If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad."
1 Corinthians 12:26 (NLT)

- Lighter _____

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." **Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)**

"And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had." **Acts 2:44 (NLT)**

